



PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masamichi TOBA et al

Appln. No.: 10/023,796

Group Art Unit: 1651

Filed: December 21, 2001

Examiner: Marx, I.

For: ANTIOXIDATION FOOD PRODUCT, ANTIOXIDATION
PREPARATION AND ANTIOXIDATION METHOD

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed December 21, 2001, and prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, lines 6-21, delete in their entirety, and insert therefor

-- It is preferred that the tea or the other natural material is added to a food product in the form of powder. The incorporation of manganese due to bacteria is facilitated if the manganese source is a powder. The pulverization is conducted by extracting a natural material with water and/or water-miscible organic solvent (e.g. alcohols such as ethyl alcohol, etc.) and then with an organic solvent which is in-miscible to water (e.g. chloroform, ethyl acetate, butanol, etc.) to separate into an organic phase and an aqueous phase, recovering a dissolved solid content from the aqueous phase, followed by drying. Further, a solid content may also be recovered from a solution extracted